

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ACTION ITEM**

SUBJECT: Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park Master Plan

ELECTION DISTRICT: Blue Ridge

STAFF CONTACT: Daniel Csizmar, Department of Construction and Waste Management
Diane Ryburn, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park Master Plan. Approval of the Master Plan permits staff to submit the Special Exception application for the Park.

BACKGROUND:

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, in conjunction with the Department of Construction and Waste Management, are developing a Regional Park on an approximately 257-acre parcel along Evergreen Mills Road, known as the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park. The County contracted with Wisnewski Blair and Associates, an architecture and design firm based out of Alexandria, VA, and Kimley-Horn and Associates, a design and consulting firm based out of Reston, VA, to serve as the design team for the project.

The master planning process for the Hanson Regional Park commenced in December of 2011. The design team developed a strategy to prepare the master plan and incorporate input from County staff, residents and community groups. To date, there have been three (3) Public Input Sessions where the design team met with the community to present ideas, solicit feedback, and incorporate shared concepts into the master plan for the Park. The sessions were held on the following dates and times:

- Public Input Session #1, Wednesday, February 1, 2012, Dulles South Multipurpose Center
- Public Input Session #2, Monday, February 6, 2012, Dulles South Multipurpose Center
- Public Input Session #3, Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Briar Woods High School

The public input sessions were used to gather ideas from County residents to incorporate into the Park, including recreational uses, natural areas, types of athletic fields, orientation of athletic fields, passive uses, open space, parking, traffic calming and park amenities. Participants were able to share ideas, work together to form “test fit” diagrams of the park layout, and provide feedback on draft Concept Plans of the park.

Additional studies of the site were performed to gather final data needed to develop the final Master Plan, including archaeological studies, wetlands studies, topographic surveys and environmental constraints analysis. The Master Plan will assist in the development of the Special Exception application required for the park.

Representatives from the Design Firms will be making a presentation of the Master Plan process, amenities and layout as part of this item, and will be available to answer questions that the Board of Supervisors have regarding this project.

Draft Motion:

1. I move the Board of Supervisors approve the Master Plan for the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park.

Or

2. I move an alternate motion . . .